

APPENDIX BB:

Site Visit Memoranda

Record of Site Visit

Site Visited: EJ's Scrapyard

Date of Visit: 8/18/03

KBIC Employee: Todd Warner, Mike Sladewski

Purpose of Visit: Cursory visit to see scrapyard operation and meet Ed Thomas (EJ)

Tasks Completed: Same plus Mike S. took a few photos.

Observations and Comments:

EJ has been in jail for five years and only recently got out on parole. He said feel free to look around, and walked around with us. He complained about how mixed up the materials were and the types of materials people had thrown in the piles. He said this condition was because he had been gone for five years and there had been no regular yard attendant. He had recently had a compactor on site and had numerous loads of scrap hauled out. We only looked around main open area of scrapyard. Yard looked typical for this sort of operation. Not too organized, but not horribly disorganized either. A full inventory of materials was not taken. Materials of concern that were noted included refrigerators, gas tanks, containers (55-gallon, gas tanks, oil storage tanks (20-300 gal), 5-gallon metal containers, radiators), automobiles, electronics, air conditioners, tires, and batteries. All of these were seen mixed in with the main piles of scrap, and not segregated. Some segregation was evident, as there were two noticeable piles of auto gas tanks, and a pile of batteries in one metal shed (former oil storage tank converted). Most tires were present in separate piles. General segregation of materials is also evident, such as lots of aluminum in one area, steel in another, cars off to one end of the yard.

After talking with EJ, it seems as if petroleum product wastes collected are burned off. No evidence was seen of oil or gasoline collection or storage. EJ mentioned burning off used gasoline. He complained nobody would take gas tanks. Sometimes he could get rid of them if he emptied them, let them breathe for a while (or season), and then crushed them with the front end loader. Not sure where waste oils go. A strong diesel, or fuel oil smell was noticeable in places. No obvious source was evident. A small patch of surface soil had noticeable heavy grease mixed in (about a 1x2 foot section). Other than that, no noticeable sheen or staining was noted in surface soils. Electronics were also a problem for him. He said recyclers didn't like microwaves (evident in his piles) due to the microwave generator unit. Refrigerators and air conditioners were mixed in with other wastes, and there was no evidence of a collection system for CFC's. EJ said he typically calls a guy in Houghton after he gets 10 or 12 refrigerators, and he comes down and empties them of coolant. EJ said he does take refrigerators with cut lines, and they don't need certification tags. EJ said he has been inspected numerous times by the State of Michigan, who has on occasion taken soil samples from his property. He specifically mentioned the names Skip Harvey, and Byron Taylor.

Record of Site Visit

Site Visited: Lahti's Junkyard

Date of Visit: 10/8/2003

KBIC Employee: Todd Warner, Mike Sladewski

Purpose of Visit: Inventory materials present and take photographs

Activities Completed: Same + collect GPS data

Location and Directions

The junkyard is located in Township 50 North, Range 33 West, in the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24. GPS location is

To reach the junkyard, take US41 southeast out of L'anse, and turn east (left) onto Unimaki Road. Follow Unimaki Road east until pavement ends, and turn south (right) onto a two-track dirt road (road is in decent condition). Follow the two track for approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south to the junkyard (junkyard is obvious).

Ownership

The junkyard location is found on page 24 of the Baraga County Platbook. The property size is apparently 10 acres, and is owned by Paul J. Lahti. It is not known if Mr. Lahti is a tribal member.

Observations and Comments

Although the size of the junkyard has not been measured, it appears to cover an area of approximately 500 feet (west to east) by 1000 feet (north to south).

Materials noted included cars, busses, one bulldozer, large county plow blades, tires, miscellaneous car parts, doors, hoods, motors, engine blocks, house doors, chairs, tables, tools, tire rims, scrap aluminum, pickup truck toppers, cans, fencing, bed frames, motorcycle frames, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, washers, dryers, wood stoves, burn barrels, cam shafts, window fans, duct work, industrial fans, bicycles, mufflers, sinks, toilets, metal pipe, concrete, corrugated culverts, highway guard rails, sewing machines, hot water heaters, barbecues, electronic equipment, wiring, snowmobiles, metal shelving, swing sets, baby buggies, plastic buckets, mirrors, lawnmowers, and lots of automobile glass.

The above materials were all frequently noted as present throughout the junkyard unless otherwise noted. It is estimated that between 500 and 750 junked cars are present. Quantities of other materials were not estimated. Materials also present but in apparently more minor quantities included mattresses (few), scrap wood, shingles, and wall board.

The small proportion or absence of general household garbage (garbage bags, clothing, mattresses, etc), and construction debris (shingles, scrap wood, wall board etc) is noticeable. Most materials present within the junkyard are larger items, such as are typically collected at a scrapyard.

Problem materials noted included the following:

- 1) Oil filters (dozens)
- 2) Oil containers
- 3) Transmission fluid (uncontained) and containers
- 4) Spray cans (dozens; paint, starter fluid, gumout, WD-40, refrigerant, carburetor cleaners, others unlabeled)
- 5) Car batteries (couple dozen noted loose; plus one per car?)
- 6) Automobile gas tanks (> 50)
- 7) Small pumps and motors (some appeared to be oil containing types)
- 8) Large fuel oil tanks (at least seven with greater than 5000 gallon capacity)
- 9) Domestic fuel oil tanks (several with approximately 100-300 gallon capacity)
- 10) Paint cans (>50, some leaking paint)
- 11) Wood treating containers (a few noted, some leaking)
- 12) Burn barrels (about 10-20 noted with ash evident)
- 13) 5-gallon plastic containers (>20 with contents unknown, both with lids and without)
- 14) 55-gallon drums (a few piles that appeared to originally have product).
- 15) Five gallon grease buckets, with some grease remaining

Approximately twenty-three 55-gallon drums were noted as possibly currently or originally containing product. Four are located in a group, and have lids (one lid with stopper out). Two of these are labeled ("Gunk" and "SAE-30"). One (lid w/o stopper) appears to contain oil. Another drum grouping consists of approximately 18 drums. These drums are rusted, some with holes, and some are crushed.